

SB. 514

A BILL
FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEDERAL CHARACTER AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Betty Apiafi

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BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

Alteration of Nigeria Constitution, 1999

1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Alteration of Section 14

2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting sub-section (3) with a new sub-section (3)-

"(3) The composition of the Government of the Federation or any of its agencies and the conduct of its affairs shall be carried out in such a manner as to reflect the FEDERAL CHARACTER of Nigeria and the need to promote national unity and also to command national loyalty, thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance of persons from a few States or of a particular Gender or from a few ethnic or other sectional groups in that Government or in any of its agencies."

3. Section 7 of Part 1 of the THIRD SCHEDULE of the principal Act is further altered by-

(a) substituting for subsection l(a), a new subsection l(a)-

(a) a chairman and a deputy chairman who shall never be of the same gender:

(b) substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection (2)-

(2) the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members shall be appointed by the President, subject to the confirmation by the Senate.

Citation

4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2020.

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Federal Character.